

Chapter 16-170 WAC
Special Permit for Slaughter, Preparation, and
Sale of Whole, Raw Poultry
Concise Explanatory Statement

Introduction

In 2003, the Legislature established a one year temporary special permit under RCW 69.07.103 allowing for the slaughter, preparation and sale of 1,000 or fewer pastured chickens.

Agency's reasons for amending the rule

The 2009 Legislature has now passed SSB 5350. This bill expands provisions under RCW 69.07.104 and will go into effect July 26, 2009. The table below outlines the changes to RCW 69.07.103:

RCW 69.07.103	As Amended under SSB 5350
Slaughter of 1,000 or fewer pastured chickens per year for sale of whole, raw chicken	Slaughter of 1,000 or fewer poultry per year (allowing for other domesticated fowl such as turkeys and ducks) for sale as whole, raw poultry
One year temporary special permit	One or two-year special permit
Permit requirements are patterned after those established in WAC 246-215-190, as it exists on July 27, 2003	Permit requirements are patterned on the State Board of Health requirements for temporary food service establishments
One year permit fee - \$75	One-year permit fee - \$75; Two-year permit fee - \$125
Valid for the calendar year	Permit expires on December 31

Because of the legislative changes, the department must amend its rules adopted under chapter 16-170 WAC.

Agency's consideration of oral and written comments

The agency held a public hearing regarding this change on July 22, 2009. One industry member who is also a consumer provided oral testimony in favor of the rule change. The agency did not receive any comments against the rule change.

The agency adopted the rule amendment and filed an emergency rule to cover until the permanent rule becomes effective.